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1. The Five-Year Plan for the Skoda Works in Dubnica nad Vahom (P49/T69) originally included the following major projects:
 - a. Repair or reconstruction of damaged or destroyed underground plants.
 - b. Reconstruction of plants (haly) II and III.
 - c. Reconstruction of the plant for filling hand grenades and cartridges.
 - d. Construction of a new cast iron plant with a monthly capacity of 200 tons.
2. Subsequently, the following changes reflecting the speedup of armament production were made in the original plan:
 - a. Repair or reconstruction of damaged or destroyed underground plants was to be - and actually was - completed by the end of 1948.
 - b. Plants (haly) II and III are to be used for the production of V-1's and V-2's, parts for which were produced here during the war, and special Russian rocket weapons of unknown construction. These plants are to be operating at full capacity by the end of 1949.
 - c. The work on the plant "Udolie" for filling hand grenades and cartridges, built during the war, was to be completed by 1 May 1949.
 - d. The work on the new foundry, originally projected to extend over two 5-year periods, is to be completed by 1952. The plant will produce cast steel, not cast iron as originally planned.
3. The above changes in planning took place after a visit to the Dubnica establishment by a commission of the Czechoslovak General Staff in August 1948. The commission included five Soviet representatives, two of them in uniform, three in civilian clothes.
4. The rebuilt underground plant has been equipped with new machines, with the exception of special lathes which were ordered in Switzerland, the United States and Canada, but not delivered. The Soviets reportedly promised to return to the Dubnica factory all machines they had previously dismantled there and taken to the USSR as German property.
5. Labor strength of the establishment, which has fluctuated between 4,000 and 5,000 is to be increased gradually to 15,000. Only those workers and

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administrative officials whose political security and loyalty have been checked may be employed in the armament production sector, which has been rapidly expanding in recent months.

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[REDACTED] Comment: When asked rumors of the production of a new type tank, informant stated that no new tanks were being manufactured in the Dubnica factory.

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